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REMARKS

This response is timely filed within the one-month shortened statutory period, and as such, no fee is believed due. In the Office Action, a restriction requirement has been issued requiring election of one of the following claim groupings:

- Group I: Claims 1-18 and 22-27, drawn to a method for visually presenting a network-based document concurrently with the audible presentation, classified in class 715, subclass 500.1.
- Group II: Claims 19-21, drawn to a multi-modal browser with a time critical event handler, classified in class 709, subclass 219 and 318.

The Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-18 and 22-27) for prosecution. Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or improper in any way, or if a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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